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SUBJECT: GUINEA-BISSAU, WRAP-UP

1. CSL MEETING. SEVENTY THREE OF 85 CSL MEMBERS GATHERED IN ANNUAL INTERCONGRESS MEETING OF PAIGC HIGHEST ORGAN FROM AUG 25 TO 31. SECGEN ARISTIDES PEREIRA PRESIDED AND CAPE VERDE DELEGATION INCLUDED ALL TOP RANKING PARTY MEMBERS. MEETINGS WERE LONG, APPARENTLY INVOLVING SOME LIVELY DEBATE AND A FEW DISPUTES AND OFTEN LASTED LATE INTO NIGHT. SECGEN'S REPORT (MEETING'S BASIC WORKING DOCUMENT) WAS HARSH AND SELF-CRITICAL CALLING POST-INDEPENDENCE ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORTS OF PAIGC IN GUINEA-BISSAU A FAILURE. ALTHOUGH DELIBERATIONS NOT MADE PUBLIC, CSL REPORTEDLY MADE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS INTER ALIA TO THIRD PARTY CONGRESS NOW SCHEDULED TO CONVENE NEXT JUNE OR JULY: 1) PAIGC NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMISSION FOR GUINEA-BISSAU SHOULD BE DISBANDED AND IN ITS PLACE CREATED A NATIONAL PAIGC COMMISSION FOR GUINEA-
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BISSAU ALONG LINES OF SIMILAR COMMISSION ALREADY

FUNCTIONING IN CAPE VERDE; 2) CSL, AS ORGAN OF TWO STATE PARTY MUST BE MADE MORE REPRESENTATIVE (I.E. INCLUDE MORE OFFICIALS FROM CAPE VERDE); 3) OVER-PREPONDERANCE OF FARP IN CSL MUST BE DEALT WITH; 4) PARTY FUNCTIONS AT REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS NEGLECTED SINCE INDEPENDENCE MUST BE DIFFERENTIATED FROM STATE FUNCTIONS AND REINVIGORATED;

COMMENT: PEREIRA'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSL ARE POTENTIALLY DISTABILIZING. PRES OF NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMISSION SO STRONGLY CRITICIZED COMMISSIONER W/O PORTFOLIO JOSE ARAUJO. RECOMMENDATION TO CREATE NATIONAL PAIGC COMMISSION FOR GUINEA-BISSAU STEMS FROM CCAPE VERDEAN UNHAPPINESS THAT GUINEA-BISSAU MEMBERS CSL OFTEN MET IN BISSAU, AS CSL, TO DEAL WITH UNIQUELY BISSAUN PROBLEMS. PEREIRA'S THRUST TO MAKE CSL SUPRANATIONAL PARTY BODY WITH TWO DEPENDENT BUT SEPARATE NATIONAL COMMISSIONS MAY BE AN ATTEMPT TO EVOLVE AN INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE WHICH WILL PERMIT INDEPENDENCE OF ACTION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OUTWARD INTITY-A MORE OR LESS INFORMAL FEDERAL APPROACH. ONE ASPECT OF THE REFORM NECESSARY TO BRING THIS ABOUT, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CAPE VERDEAN OFFICIALS IN THE CSL IS LIKELY TO CAUSE PROBLEMS. ALTHOUGH A JUSTIFIED DEMAND (THERE ARE ONLY 13 CAPE VERDEAN OFFICIALS OUT OF A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 85), IT WILL BE RESENTED BY MANY BISSAUNS WHO FEEL THE PARTY IS ALREADY TOO DOMINATED BY CAPE VERDEANS. HOW FARP AND THE ENIGMATIC DEF MIN NINO WILL REACT TO MOVE TO CUT MILITARY INFLUENCE IS ALSO PROBLEMATIC

PEREIRA'S EMPHASIS ON PARTY REORGANIZATION AND REVITALIZATION MAY IN PART STEM FROM FEARS THAT GUINE-BISSAU POPULATION IS NOT RESPONDING AS FAVORABLY TO PAIGC AS HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED. LUIZ CABRAL'S REPORTEDLY UNENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION DURING WEEK LONG VISIT TO SOUTH (LONG A STRONGHOLD OF PAIGC) MAY HAVE BEEN A RUDE AWAKENING. ONLY MODERATE SIZED CROWDS AT SEPT 3 FUNERAL AMILCAR CABRAL MAY BE FURTHER INDICATION THAT PAIGC HAS NOT WON THE HEARTS OF POPULATION IN ITS CAPITAL.

2. NEW OPPOSITION GROUP SURFACES: A NEW GROUP OPPOSED TO
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QUOTE PRO-SOVIET AND PRO-CAPE VERDE UNQUOTE POLITICS OF PAIGC HAS BEEN FORMED IN PARIS. THE FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF GUINEA-BISSAU (REMINISCENT OF DAKAR BASED FLING) IS SECOND EXILE GROUP TO EMERGE THIS YEAR USING BLACK NATIONALISM AS RALLYING CRY AGAINST CAPE VERDEANS WHO DOMINATE GUINE - BISSAU GOVERNMENT AND THEIR PRO-SOVIET POLICIES.

3. AMILCAR CABRAL: AFTER DELAYS REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY GENERAL

COOLING IN RELATIONS BETWEEN CONAKRY AND BISSAU, BODY OF AMILCAR CABRAL FINALLY RETURNED HOME ON SEPT. 2. CORPSE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FIRST HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION FROM CONAKRY TO VISIT BISSAU IN MANY MONTHS. DELEGATION WAS LED BY PRES TOURE'S WIFE AND INCLUDED PM BEAVOGUI, MIN OF INTERIOR DIAKITE AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS MIN CISSE. CUNINEAN DELEGATION, ALL TOP PAIGC LEADERS AND CABRAL FAMILY PARTICIPATED IN FUNERAL CERMONY MARKED BY QUIET INTEREST OF SUBSTANTIAL BUT NOT THE EXPECTED LARGE AND EMOTIONAL CROWD OF BY STANDERS. BODY WAS PLACE DIN TEMPORARY MAUSOLEUM (WHICH PAS BEEN READY FOR AT LEAST EIGHT MONTHS) WHILE PLANS FOR LARGE FOREIGN-FINANCED MAUSOLIEUM ARE DISCUSSED.

4. SOVIET DESTROYER CALLS AT BISSAU. SOVIET DESTROYER BRAVY VISITED BISSAU FROM SEPT 21 TO 27 AT REQUEST USSR. IT WAS REPORTEDLY FIRST SUCH SOVIET NAVAL VISIT HERE.

5. NEW FISHING AGREEMENT WITH USSR. TRANS MIN OTTO SCHACHT RETURNED RECENTLY FROM TWO WEEK VISIT TO MOSCOW WHERE LAST YEAR'S FISHING AGREEMENT WITH USSR WAS RENEGOTIATED. OLD AGREEMENT HAD BEEN MUCH CRITICIZED INBISSAU AS EXPLOITIVE AND JOINT FISHING COMPANY ESTRELA DA MAR HAD BEEN PARALYZED BY DISPUTES BETWEEN RUSSIAN AND GUINEAN FISHERMEN. ONLY DETAILS OF NEW AGREEMENT YET RELEASED PERTAIN TO INCREASED GIFTS OF EQUIPMENT AND A STEPPED TRAINING PROGRAM.

6. JULIUS NYERERE TO VISIT BISSAU: ANTICIPATED HIGHLIGHT OF CELEBRATIONS 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF PAIGC IS EXPECTED VISIT OF TANZANIAN PRES NYERERE TO RECEIVE AMILCAR CABRAL MEDAL STRUCK EXPRESSLY FOR THOSE INTERNATIONAL LEADERS WHO CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO PAIGC VICTORY. SEKOU TOURE ALSO CONFIDENTIAL

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